

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-84

RE: C.R. NO. 19-154/R&D

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MS. YUGO NAKASONE TO SERVE AS A  
MEMBER ON THE NORMA BOARD REPRESENTING POHNPEI  
STATE

NOVEMBER 20, 2015

The Honorable Wesley Simina  
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Third Special Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was referred  
C.R. No. 19-154, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MS. YUKO  
NAKASONE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NORMA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
REPRESENTING POHNPEI STATE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the resolution are expressed in its title.

On November 18, 2015, the President via Presidential Communication  
No. 19-222, transmitted the nomination of Ms. Yugo Nakasone to  
Congress. Your Committee conducted a public hearing on Congressional  
Resolution No. 19-154 on November 19, 2015. Witnesses included the  
Executive Director, Eugene Pangelinan, the Secretary of the  
Department of Resources and Development, Marion Henry, a  
representative of the President's office, and the nominee.

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Chairman David W. Panuelo opened the hearing and welcomed the witnesses, especially the nominee. He stated that the nomination of Ms. Yugo Nakasone to serve on the NORMA board was transmitted yesterday. Since today is the last day of this Third Regular Session, your Committee would like to take action on the nomination.

Your Committee gave an opportunity to the nominee to comment on her nomination. The nominee thanked the Committee for the opportunity given to her. She indicated that she is currently a council member in the Kolonia Town Council and it will be her 24th year of service as a councilwoman. The nominee is very fluent in the Japanese language. She commented that she has the energy to work and serve the Board of NORMA, and she is available to serve the Board. She commented that she is also a fast learner.

Executive Director Eugene Pangelinan expressed his full support on the nomination of Ms. Yugo Nakasone. He indicated that as the Executive Director of NORMA, he plans to ask the Board to come up with a strategic plan, particularly on the business side and the revenue side.

Secretary Marion Henry commented that he knew the nominee when she was still a little girl. She is an active member of the business community in the state of Pohnpei. The representative of the President's Office also expressed full support regarding the nomination of Ms. Yugo Nakasone.

Your Committee reminded the nominee that if she is confirmed, she should know that the fisheries sector in the FSM is very important to the Nation and she should be mindful of it when she has to make an important decision. Your Committee inquired of the nominee about her availability to travel on trips because she is involved in her family business. The nominee stated that she has other sisters and brothers that are very able to run the family business so travelling for her is not a problem. Your Committee further inquired of the nominee whether she is comfortable serving on the NORMA board as the only

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female. The nominee commented that she served also amongst men at the Kolonia Town Council, and this is not a problem.

Your Committee asked the Executive Director on the status of the organization of the NORMA board, Executive Director Pangelinan explained that the Board has not organized. It awaits the confirmation of the nominee. If she is confirmed, the Authority will have a full Board. This is the time that the Board can select its officers.

Your Committee on Committee on Resources and Development is, therefore, in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-154, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David W. Panuelo  
David W. Panuelo, chairman

/s/ Alik L. Alik  
Alik L. Alik, vice chairman

Victor V. Gouland, member

/s/ Florencio S. Harper  
Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ Berney Martin  
Berney Martin, member

/s/ Robson Romolow  
Robson Romolow, member

Joseph J. Urusemal, member